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The Social Revolution.

By J. M. G.

All past revolutions have been in the interest of minorities, minorities that climbed to power by the aid of the workers, but the revolution that will change present day society to the Socialist ideal, to succeed, will require to have the sanction of the majority. The ideal of Socialism will have to permeate the mass of the people composing society. They as a mass will have to be imbued with the brutality of the present degrading system of individual exploitation, and recognise that any form of society that does not assure to every individual the right to live must go. The modern worker, more especially the unskilled in all industrial countries, has sunk lower and lower. Pauperism has become more intensified as the industrial system has developed along the lines of concentration of capital into fewer hands. This natural development of capital, with all the restrictive class laws made to enforce the property relations, has intensified riches in the hands of the few, entailing poverty conditions for the masses. It has proved itself bankrupt morally, it has broken down in everything essential to the maintenance of society as a whole.

The lives of young and old are offered up to the God of Mammon, compelled to live in slums, uneducated, with no incentive to be human beings, the dull monotony of their existence leading to criminality and vice of the most revolting nature, and family life being impossible in hovels not fit for dogs.

Such is life for the mass of the people under our present system of society, a passing phase of civilisation that must go, as others have gone, and give place to another phase, the elements of which are being created to-day.

All past phases of society had one thing in common, viz., that one part of society was exploited by another. They have all had as their basis private ownership of property, leading to those economic and social antagonisms that have been and are the root of class wars. But the elements forming in and rapidly permeating society to-day are antagonistic to the continuance of the exploitation of the mass of the people in the interests of the few, and when these ideas permeate all sections of society, then we shall have a Social Revolution that will succeed, a revolution that will not be side-tracked by political mountebanks or self-seeking industrial leaders and so become an abortion.

These ideas are spreading with lightning rapidity, and will permeate society more rapidly owing to the war. The small capitalists, as a result of this war, will be largely crushed by taxation, in addition to being to a great extent eliminated by the larger combinations of capital. The middleman and those with fixed incomes and annuities are going to be compelled by increased cost of living and reduced taxed incomes to look to Socialism, or organise a revolt as a relief from the burden.

The debt being piled up by this war, and the pensions that will have to be paid to maimed soldiers and the dependents of those killed, will be of such magnitude that it will force these people to rise in organised revolt and repudiate the debt, a debt that has reached the enormous amount for Britain of 4½ thousand millions in addition to the millions that will have to be raised for pensions. This revolt must lead to revolution and the establishment of the Socialist Commonwealth, as a growing consciousness of Socialism amongst the masses with the repudiation of such an enormous debt cannot be accomplished without inevitably leading to the expropriation of the capitalist class in the interests of society

Lessons in Economics.

By A Student.

No. 5.

"SURPLUS VALUE."

We saw in the last lesson how wages are determined; that is, that wages are based on the cost of the reproduction of the labor-power.

But labor produces something more than its mere cost of reproduction.

What is this something more?

It is "surplus value"—the true source of profit, rents, interest, and dividends.

But, say our masters, labor gets its fair share in the shape of wages; it is capital that produces this surplus.

But we would ask, what is capital? Is it some mystic creative power?

"Does capital bear interest, the same as a pear tree bears pears?" asks Herman Cahn. "But the pear tree runs a chemical factory, in which inorganic matter is changed to organic."

Now let us be quite clear here. We have seen that money is a particular commodity, produced by labor, i.e., gold, that has become by a universal consensus of minds, the recognised universal equivalent of all other commodities, in exchange.

Money then as the universal equivalent is the shadow of all other commodities. Money by itself can produce nothing; it remains still money.

But money can be exchanged for labor-power and the products of expended labor-power.

What, then, is capital?

Capital is that portion of the product of

as a whole.

All revolutions in the past have led to confiscation and to that extent the coming social revolution will be similar, but it would be a mistake to think it will be exactly alike, for history never repeats itself in details, the conditions never being quite the same. The economic conditions, the ruling factor in present society, and the social environment, mainly the product of those economic conditions, are different from any that have ever existed in previous societies. For the first time in human history we are confronted with a form of society giving political freedom, with democratic institutions and resources such as never before have been seen. We have the big financial capitalists dominating and ordering monarchs, who are mere puppets, controlling governments and making them subservient to their ends, having control of the political machinery, the reins of government, and able to organise and use their forces recklessly and successfully against those organisations in opposition to their exploitation.

The coming struggle will be a struggle not of a minority using a majority to gain control of political power, but of one portion of the people against another. It will be a struggle on the part of the workers as a whole, with the assistance of those members of the middle class who realise that their interests are identical with the workers', to abolish all class distinctions by the abolition of the present system of exploitation, and in its place to establish a system of mutual aid, the co-operative Commonwealth.

—"The International," South Africa.

labor not used in consumption, but set aside for the further exploitation of labor, so that labor can produce more "surplus-value" and complete the circle; money to more money.

It is labor, then, that produces profit, not money.

"Yet the political economists teach us that it is a natural power of money to bear interest. Indeed, they base on this argument their justification of profits, for if capitalists were not allowed to make profits, could they not convert their assets into money and invest it as interest? Suppose they all, or a considerable number of them, tried it—what would become of their capital value, and what of the rate of interest?"

Unless the capitalists purchase labor to expend labor-power on the machines and tools of production (themselves the products of labor) there can be NO increase, no interest and profit. Labor alone is the creator of value.

The political economists have told us that labor, capital, and the earth are the creators of value.

In the Commonwealth Year Book, Mr. Knibbs gives us the following information as to how the division of the value between labor and capital is effected:

In 1915 the value of manufactured industries in Australia was £169,086,700. Of this amount £33,210,654 represented wages and salaries paid to employees (these figures include superintendents, managers and other highly paid officials), equal to 19.61 per cent., or about one-fifth.

The value produced in the years 1912-15 was:—

	Employees.	Produced.
1912	327,456	£148,775,497
1913	337,101	161,569,762
1914	331,579	166,405,923
1915	321,071	169,086,700

The wages paid in 1912 amounted to £31,287,942.

By 1915 the number of employees had decreased 6,385. The amount of wages had increased £1,925,162, whereas the value produced had increased £20,311,203.

So the workers of Australia, out of an increased production of over twenty millions, got less than two millions of that increase as their share.

Thus £18,388,131 MORE "surplus-value" went to the capitalists in 1915 than in 1912. Labor produces all value, yet only gets about one-fifth returned in the shape of wages as their "fair" share!!

"Now as to the earth. Surely, if the earth is a creation of value, it ought to get its share of it," says Herman Cahn, "perhaps in the shape of plenty of manure or other betterments. Now there comes along a number of persons who claim they are representatives of the earth and demand its share in the form of rent."

We see how the earth receives its share in districts like Rutherglen, Vic., where smiling fertile river flats are turned into howling wildernesses and the clear rivers polluted, after the devastating capitalistic gold dredge has done its nefarious work.

Marx, in speaking of the earth in relation to agriculture, says:

"All progress in capitalistic agriculture is a progress in the art, not only of robbing the laborer, but of robbing the soil; all progress

in increasing the fertility of the soil for a given time, is a progress towards running the lasting sources of that fertility. The more a country starts its development on the foundation of modern industry, like the United States, for example, (and Australia also), the more rapid is this process of destruction. Capitalist production, therefore, develops technology, and the combining together of various processes into a social whole, only by sapping the original sources of all wealth—the soil and the laborer."—"Capital," p. 514.

The capitalist who mostly prates about efficiency and saving is as a class the most ignorant and inefficient to his robbery. Only when the creators of value, the workers and the true scientists and teachers, come into their own, the social ownership and control of industry, in the Industrial Republic of Labor, will the earth be loved for its own sake and gets its due reward.

Mentioning science, Marx says: "Science, generally speaking, costs the capitalist nothing, a fact that by no means hinders him from exploiting it. The science of others is as much annexed by capital as the labor of others. Capitalistic appropriation and personal appropriation, whether of science or of material wealth, are, however, totally different things. Dr. Ure himself deplors the gross ignorance of mechanical science existing among his dear, machinery-exploiting manufacturers, and Liebig can a tale unfold about the astounding ignorance of chemistry displayed by English chemical manufacturers."

A. Farrar puts in a lifetime creating new and better varieties of wheat, and it costs the farmers of Australia never a penny for the value of his laborers.

Natural productive forces cost nothing. "The implements of labor in the form of machinery, necessitate the substitution of natural forces for human forces, and the conscious application of science, instead of rule of thumb. In manufacture, the organisation of the social labor-process is purely subjective; it is a combination of detail laborers; in its machinery system, modern industry, has a productive organism that is purely objective, in which the laborer becomes a mere appendage to an already existing material condition of production. In simple co-operation, and even in that founded on division of labor, the suppression of the isolated, by the collective, workman, still appears to be more or less accidental. MACHINERY, WITH A FEW EXCEPTIONS, OPERATES ONLY BY MEANS OF ASSOCIATED LABOR, or labor in common. Hence the co-operative character of the labor-process is, in the latter case, a technical necessity dictated by the instrument of labor itself.

the productive forces resulting from co-operation and division of labor cost capital nothing. They are natural forces of social labor, so with physical forces, like steam, water, i.e., when appropriated to productive processes, cost nothing. But just as a man requires lungs to breathe with, so he requires something that is work of man's hand, in order to consume physical forces productively. A water-wheel is necessary to exploit the force of water, and a steam engine to exploit the elasticity of steam. Once discovered, the law of the deviation of the magnetic needle in the field of an electric current, or the law of the magnetisation of iron, around which an electric current circulates, cost never a penny. But the exploitation of these laws for the purposes of telegraphy, etc., necessitates a costly and extensive apparatus." Capital, p. 383. Hence labor must be expended, for without labor there can be no material exchanges between man and nature. Labor alone is the creator of value, and to labor alone should the products of labor belong.

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Danger Ahead.

THE UNLAWFUL ASSOCIATIONS ACT.

C.F.C.

Of all the repressive measures which, at different times, have threatened the Labor Movement of any country, the Australian Unlawful Associations Act of 1916, supplemented by its recent amendments, is undoubtedly the worst. Ostensibly aimed at the I.W.W., a militant section of the working class, it is really aimed at ANY militant working class organisation. It is WORSE than Bismarck's best. Bismarck's Blood and Iron Laws—designed to crush the Labor Movement of Germany—seems to have served the Hughes-Cook combination as a model for their Unlawful Associations Bill, the act designed to crush the Australian Working-Class Movement.

When the original 1916 Act was under review, the Federal Labor Party—the "cleansed, purged and purified" Labor Party—was in a majority in the Senate. Yet the Act went through the Senate WITHOUT PROTEST.

The amendments thereto were considered in the Federal House just recently. The "cleansed, purged and purified" Labor Party waxed eloquent about the "too-wide powers," which the amendments gave the Government, but their OPPOSITION EVAPORATED, when Hughes inserted an amendment to the effect THAT THE MEASURE SHOULD NOT APPLY TO REGISTERED UNIONS. This, notwithstanding that any union is automatically DEREGISTERED the minute its members cease work in an industrial dispute.

Besides the I.W.W., whose malignant persecution has aroused the sympathy of all decent minds, besides this organisation, some of whose members have been sentenced to a living death for fifteen years (on evidence that would not convict the proverbial dog), never forget that the Australian Socialist Party, the Anti-Conscription League, the Defence Committee of the Unions, which is conducting the present New South Wales Strike, the Workers' International Industrial Union—never forget that ALL THESE are UNREGISTERED, and are ever threatened by those Unlawful Associations Act, because they are in existence to threaten capitalist power. By the definition of Sedition, laid down by Justice Pring, the impartial gentleman who dealt out legal stoush to the I.W.W. twelve, every act and doctrine of the above-named bodies are "seditious."

Keeping all these UNREGISTERED bodies in mind, let us examine some of the recent amendments to the Act.

Section 3A enacts—Whoever,

- (a) becomes a member of an unlawful association; or
- (b) after the expiration of one month, from the commencement of this section continues to be a member of an unlawful association, shall be guilty of an offence. Penalty: Imprisonment for six months.

Section 7A reads: Whoever—

- (a) knowingly gives or contributes money or goods to an unlawful association; or
- (b) receives or solicits subscriptions or contributions of money or goods for an

Industrial Unionism.

Craft Unionism Obsolete.

By W. J. T.

The history of society, from the dawn of the civilised era to the present time, is a history of class struggles. It is a history of the fight of opposing interests for economic supremacy. The rise and fall, growth and decay of empires is the result of the transition periods through which society has passed: now one class gaining power, now another.

In the ancient social state, we see the struggle of slave and freemen; in the Roman Empire, the fierce and relentless fight of Patricians and Plebeians; during the Middle Ages, the contest waged between the Feudal Barons and Serfs. At a later period, the interests of the rising manufacturing class and the landed aristocracy clashed, and the result was the English and French Revolutions.

With the success of the manufacturing class, comes the struggle that every worker is at present engaged in, either consciously or unconsciously, the struggle of the exploited, propertyless, wealth producing working class against the exploiting, property owning, non-producing capitalist class.

The cause of these conflicts was and still is an economic one. The dominant ruling power is always held by the class that has complete economic control, that is control of the means essential for human existence, which are primarily food, clothing and shelter. The result of the concentration of economic power in the hands of the minority is, that one section of society lives in a state of enervating and vicious luxury while the masses are steeped in poverty, misery and degradation.

As a result of economic evolution, class after class have risen and seized the sceptre of economic power, only in turn to become tyrants and oppressors themselves.

The present capitalistic organisation of society, is based on the wholesale scientific exploitation of the working class by means of the wage system. The ruling class own and control the means of life, despite the fact that the workers produce them: this is the result of the capitalist owning the machines of production.

In two hours or less, the worker produces commodities whose value equals the pay he receives for eight hours production; thus, the remaining six hours of production, or commodities produced in that time, are appropriated by the capitalist. The worker is robbed at the point of production, robbed of about 75 per cent. of his products. The accumulation of the commodities which the workers are unable to buy back, causes a glut in the markets and a corresponding industrial depression, followed by a flooding of the labor market by increased unemployment.

As we have seen that class struggles are the result of the minority owning and controlling the means of life essential to the welfare of the majority, it is evident that with the social ownership of these essentials (which are socially produced) will come the abolition of classes in human society for all time.

It is the historic mission of the working class to bring about this consummation,

by taking over the means of production and causing each member of society to be a productive and useful unit in the social aggregation.

With this in view the workers will be forced to organise on the lines of International Industrial Unionism; based on a class conscious recognition of their position in society and their ultimate function therein.

Craft unionism has served its purpose, and is now a useless and harmful obstacle on the road of working class progress and emancipation. The high state of efficiency reached by the machine has eliminated the craftsman from modern industry; despite this fact, the workers are organised, or rather disorganised, in a number of petty factions, each outdoing the other in a desperate endeavour to bolster up and perpetuate the system of exploitation by supporting arbitration and conciliation. An Arbitration Court consists of members of the master class to whom the workers appeal to determine at what rate and in what way they, the workers, shall be exploited.

The advantages of industrial unionism, as a most efficient means of organising the workers in their struggles with the master class, is self-evident. In the case of the present strike the workers engaged are practically all transport workers; yet they are divided into about a dozen or more craft unions, each with individual interests, yet all depending on the concerted and combined action of all if the strike is to be brought to a successful issue. Under a system of industrial unionism, as laid down by the Workers' International Industrial Union there would be a TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, which would embrace the following branches:—

1. Long Distance Transportation on Land.

"This subdivision embraces all workers employed in the railroad service, such as engineers, motormen, firemen, trainmen, switchmen, all engaged in the supervision and maintenance of the roads, railroad freight yard workers, station men, all workers in the railroad repair shops, all clerks in the railroad offices.

2. Marine Transport.

In this subdivision are grouped seamen and all workers on steamships, tugs, etc., all engaged in loading and unloading vessels, such as wharf laborers, coal lumpers, tally clerks, lorry and draymen, and any others concerned in the transportation of passengers or goods by sea.

3. Municipal Transport.

In this subdivision are organised all workers in the tramway service, drivers, conductors, cleaners, all workers engaged in line laying and repairing, all workers in the power producing plants, electricians, overhead linemen, etc.

4. Communication.

All workers in the postal, telegraph, and telephone service, letter carriers, mail waggon drivers and all workers employed in the communication service."

In the event of such a union striking,

unlawful association, shall be guilty of an offence. Penalty: Imprisonment for six months.

Section 7C says:

Any persons who knowingly prints, publishes, sells, or exposes for sale any book, periodical, pamphlet, handbill, poster, or newspaper, issued, or intended to be issued, by or on behalf, or in the interests of any unlawful association, shall be guilty of an offence. Penalty: Imprisonment for six months.

Finally, Section 7H sheds light on the "liberty of the subject," thus:—

"Any person thereto authorised by a Minister of State, or by a prescribed authority, may at any hour of the day or

night, with such assistance as he may require, break into and enter any premises or place owned or occupied by an unlawful association, or in which any member of an unlawful association or any property of an unlawful association is believed to be, and seize any articles, books, documents, or papers found therein."

These paragraphs, taken verbatim from the recent Amendment Act, need no comment. Besides showing the dangerous nature of the weapon, which will most certainly be used in the future against the Labor Movement by the Parliamentary funkeys of the Capitalist Class, they are a scathing indictment of the ignorance or knavery of the "cleansed, purged and purified" Federal Labor Party, the alleged representatives of the Labor Movement.

Join in the March.

By BERTON BRALEY.

If you're game to fight with no end in sight
and never a band to play,
If you're fit to toil with no hope of spoil
and the tolling itself for pay,
If you'll bear the irk of the thankless work
of making the dream come true,
If you'll march along through a hooting throng
that bellows its oath at you,
If you'll learn to meet each new defeat with
the gritty old grin of yore,
And lift your lance in a new advance with
hardly a chance to score,
Then you're just the breed that we sorely
need: you're one of our kith and kin,
So get the swing of the song we sing and
join the march—fall in!

We promise no loot to the young recruit, no
glory or praise or fame,
No gold you gain in this long campaign—but
plenty of jeers and blame,
The quarters are mean and the rations are
lean, the service is harsh and grim,
The war is on from dark to dawn, from dawn
to the twilight dim;
But there's ever the cheer of a comrade near,
and the touch of his steady arm,
And his help to call if you faint and fall where
the harrying foemen swarm,
If you scorn reward for the fight that's hard,
If you'd rather be right than win,
Just get the swing of the song we sing and
join in the march—fall in!

If comradeship of heart—not lips—is more to
your taste than cash,
If ancient frauds and tinsel gods are idols
you long to smash,
If your patience breaks at the honored fakes
that purdy plutes have decked,
If you're not content till the veil is rent and
the temple of lies is wrecked,
Then your place is made in our stern brigade,
that never can halt or pause
Till the war is done and the fight is won—
the fight for the Human Cause;
So take your place and step our pace in spite
of the old world's din,
And get the swing of the song we sing and
join in the march—fall in!

the disorganisation of industry would be complete. It is by such an organisation of the workers that they will wrest the economic power from the master class.

"The army of production must be organised. By organising industrially the power to take and hold, and using their political knowledge and rights to control, the workers are forming the structure and the industrial government of the new society in the shell of the old."

It is remarkable how the craft unions are appreciated by the master class. The following is from an editorial in the "Sun":—"We recognise union in almost every act of our lives, and grant it a regular place in all industrial dealings." Now that is the whole crux of the position. The master class tolerates craft unionism as long as it is respectable, and adheres to arbitration. But, as soon as signs of class consciousness and revolt is observed, then down come the forces of law and order in an effort to annihilate any possible benefit or organisation that will come of it.

Between the working class who produce all wealth, are robbed of the fruits of their toil, and are thereby forced into a morass of physical, mental and moral degeneration, and the capitalist class, a class which is non-productive, yet by the exploitation of the toiling masses is enabled to live a life of unbridled license and luxury, there is absolutely nothing in common. The capitalist class is a parasitical excrescence on society.

The struggle is between interests that are diametrically opposed.

There must be no compromise.

We must organise industrially in such a manner that will finally enable us to take over the industries, that are run by the workers in the interests of the master class, and run them in the interest and for the benefit of the working community.

The only working class paper is a Socialist paper. The "International Socialist" is admittedly one of the best.

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A Manifesto to Wage Workers.

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A Manifesto to Wage Workers.

A new force is rapidly forming among the workers challenging the old institutions in the world of labor and more so the vested interests of the capitalists.

Industrial Unionism, the economic phase of the international socialist movement has hardly started its mission, it is already opposed by all the forces of oppression from outside and inside the workers' ranks. It has been imitated and misrepresented to halt its career, to strangle and possibly to kill it before its full force can be developed. All the practices of Labor's infancy have been revamped by agents of capitalism and are propagated as being the essence of the new Workers' Union, all the stool-pigeons of the ruling class have been put to work, to continue the fiction, that the wealth-producers are incapable of intelligent revolutionary action in accordance with their own class interests and social progress.

But in spite of all the opposition Industrial Unionism is moving forward, propelled by the inherent social force in modern capitalism and the increasing knowledge among the workers of the laws of social evolution and their needs as a class.

Industrial Unionism is not a name for any kind of economic organisation of workers, on the contrary it is the collective designation of a **specific kind of workers' organisation**, with a different philosophy, goal, structure and tactics than any previous union of labor. "It is other than others."

Before we proceed to state the principles of the modern workers' union, the socialist industrial organisation, it is necessary to review briefly.

The Workers' Status in Capitalist Society

It is generally recognised by all informed people that capitalist society was reached through several preceding social epochs, each having its specific economic class conflicts, chattel slavery, serfdom and now wage slavery were the successive steps of the workers' advance since primitive communism was broken up by the introduction of private property.

Capitalism, the present social order (or rather, disorder) derives its name from the fact, that the means of production have acquired the character of capital, i.e., means of exploitation. The private ownership of these social means makes them such with increasing force, being at once the reason for a hand full of multimillionaires on one side and millions of propertyless wage workers on the other. **Forces in Capitalism Holding the Worker in Servitude.**

The worker now derives his income by selling his labor power to the employer for a stated time for a certain price, wages.

The value of an article sold is fixed by the socially necessary cost of producing it. A large supply of workers will bring the price of labor power below the value. A large demand will bring it above, wages, the price, will rise above the cost of producing labor power. The cost of producing labor power is the sum needed in a given country or locality to raise workers, fit for work and keep them in that condition as long as needed.

Wages represent only a small part of the value of the product the workers give to their boss during a day's work, all above that amount is surplus value, unpaid for labor, for the employers.

This is the source of Profit—the magic force that makes millionaires.

The workers will be out of work as soon as the employer cannot sell the product for profit. A world market is needed to sell the goods, which the small wages of the workers cannot purchase in the land where the goods are produced.

Hence, a demand of the workers for more wages, etc., affects not only the employer approached, but endangers the profits of the whole capitalistic class, and the workers find all the agencies of the ruling class arrayed against them. The all the hirelings of the exploiters in and political government, the churches and

outside of the workers' ranks, are set in motion to intimidate the workers.

To meet this formidable opposition and to overcome it calls for a revolutionary organisation of the workers, political and industrial. To fight successfully the little struggles of the day, they must be governed by a policy that has for its goal the reconstruction of the social order, and a new and more adequate basis than capitalism can offer. As capitalism is built up and is sustained by the exploitation of the real wealth producers, all reforms do not offer a remedy, at best they can only pad the yoke of wage slavery.

As present trades and labor unions are patterned after business, are but job trusts controlled by labor lieutenants of the capitalist class; and lack the basis, principles and structure of a real, all-embracing workers' union; they offer no remedy for the problem confronting the people of our day. The history of "Organised Labor" is a continuous illustration of its hindrance to real progress, and its support of capitalism.

A new, broader more fitting and all-embracing workers' union is needed. **Industrial Unionism** is required.

Industrial unionism is not an invention, nor a discovery of any one man or set of men. Its theories are the product of social evolution, and the logical result of the workers' experience trying to improve their lot viewed by the light of modern production, and social science,

Hence, the goal, structure and tactics to foster the growth of this movement, cannot be arbitrary whims but must be the conclusions of established facts, independent of personal views, or inclinations.

Industrial unionism is not in opposition to the political Socialist movement, it is merely the economic phase of the fight for the co-operative commonwealth.

While the industrial union movement organises separate and distinct from the political party of the working class, the mutual interests of both attain their harmony in the final aim, though the work of each is different, owing to the different conditions governing them and the special function each has to fulfil in securing for the working class emancipation from wage slavery, they are not antagonistic.

Goal of Industrial Unionism.

The principles of socialist industrial unionism were formulated at a convention which assembled in the city of Chicago, Ill., U.S.A., June 27, 1905, generally known as the First Convention of the Industrial Workers of the World.

This convention recognised as its work, to find the best methods to enable the working class to successfully wage its struggles for better conditions now and to work out a final solution of the "labor problem."

The workers cannot receive social justice under the capitalist rule, no reforms possible therein can bring it.

Hence the workers' movement economically accepts the principle of the political socialist organisation, it recognises and works for the collective ownership of all the social means of production. The industrial union holds, that industrial freedom requires that the workers control and determine the conditions under which production is carried on. It holds further, that the industrial union is the agency, the means, through which this can be attained most satisfactorily for society as a whole, as well as to give the special consideration the technical differences of various industries require in order to secure unity and efficiency in production.

The Structure of Industrial Organisation.

All workers in a given modern industrial plant co-operate successfully and simultaneously to turn out a given product, irrespective of the special part a number of them contribute to the finished article, they are a subdivision of the general process, and have no distinct existence with regard to turning out the product of that industry, and more so they are all wage workers with identical interests as a class.

The industrial union, therefore, organises all workers in a given industry, in a given locality or district, into a local union of that industry. This is the unit

of industrial class unionism. Branches are formed within such local industrial union, if technical requirements, language, or other condition make such desirable for the best interests of the movement.

All local industrial unions are in turn united in the national and international union of such industry. Kindred national industrial unions are in turn organised as departments of industries, representatives of which form the general executive committee of the general organisation, "The Workers' International Industrial Union."

Membership at large and industrial recruiting unions are formed to aid in the preliminary work of organising the industries. Industrial councils are organised from delegates of the different local industrial unions in a given district, to secure unity of action in matters which are of common concern.

All members and divisions of the organisation are integral parts of the One Great Industrial Union, The Workers' International Industrial Union.

Universal transfer from one union to another, and admittance of all wage workers makes possible that solidarity, so much needed for progress.

Tactics of Industrial Unionism.

Industrial unionism strives to attain mastery for the workers in the plants of production, but it does not try to attain the same at the detriment of others, either as individuals or classes. It seeks only for its members the full product of their social labor, and grants the same rights to all others. Hence, its agitation, education and organisation is open and above board. It has no schemes to gain advantages detrimental to others, but, it works to stop the practice of one man or set of men living from the product of others. It seeks to remove this social wrong along the lines of civilisation and social evolution.

Capitalist Society a Class Society.

The working class and the capitalist class are at present the main economic divisions. Social progress demands that the working class become the dominant class. The W.I.I.U. educates and organises for the wage workers, toiling with brain or brawn, at all times and under all conditions.

Recognising the class struggle through which the workers must fight their way to victory, the W.I.I.U. recognises the need of the working class using their rights and powers politically through a revolutionary party of their own, in opposition to any and all capitalist parties. The W.I.I.U. holds further that a healthy development towards the new social order requires, that the workers' strength should force the capitalist class to observe its own laws of society, and to give full freedom to the exercise of the rights of the working class within present society.

While the W.I.I.U. is following its mission, conscious of the class conflict, it refuses to conduct the class struggle on the lines of a dog fight. It does not sanction lawlessness on the part of employers, the capitalists and their hirelings by doing likewise. It condemns "sabotage" and all such childish practices by any one as useless for the working class and harmful to real progress.

The workers' strength lies in individual and collective intelligence, and organised class action, agitation, education to attain political and industrial unity of the wealth producers, provides all the weapons the fight for emancipation requires. With the guidance of these stars the workers will conquer their own, now held by a parasite class.

With the slogan, "An injury to one is an injury to all," the workers will develop the solidarity of action up till now so much lacking. As the workers learn to recognise that they no longer are a world individually, but are part of a social organism, a limb of a social and industrial body, which determines their weal and woe, will they learn to think and act accordingly. The industrial class union is the best means to supply this knowledge to all workers, by offering them an opportunity to participate intelligently in the work of emancipation.

Position Toward Other Labor Organisations.

The W.I.I.U. holds that all labor organisations who do not subscribe to and follow in their action the principles enumerated above, are capitalist unions, though their members are workers. While these bodies may have had justification in the past, due to social ignorance, craft division and small production, they have no longer; they are to-day a hindrance to progress. They must discard their wrong principles and false tactics, and reorganise on the modern educational class basis. During this period of reconstruction the W.I.I.U. will support any bona fide move made by the workers in such organisations to improve their condition, but expects in turn that such bodies stop their practices of obstruction towards the growth of the Workers' International Industrial Union.

With nothing to lose but their economic chains, and a world to gain, the working class can go forth to the task their class position imposes upon them, with all the cheer and determination a goal so inviting can produce.

The capitalists can not produce, the workers can, they do it now for the employing class and its hangers-on. Properly trained and intelligently organised the workers can manage to run industrial production for themselves, for the co-operative commonwealth. But in the meantime, the conditions of work, the hours of labor and the wages can be bettered more effectively through the Socialist industrial union, the Workers' International Industrial Union, than by any other agency. Jointly with the growing political party, and through it and the economic organisation, the oppressive measure of the political government can be reduced, and constructive features can be enhanced. In fact, we can fight our way to victory by the growing strength and self-reliance of an awakened working class.

Fellow workers of all lands, speed the day when the workers' industrial republic will be a fact, when political government shall be relegated to the past, by joining the union of your industry, and the party of your class. Organise your industry, the recruiting union, or join as a member at large, do your part now, and all else will follow in due time.

One enemy, the capitalist class. One union, and one party to conquer the enemy. Such is the clarion call of the W.I.I.U. to you all, fellow wage slaves.

H. RICHTER,
Gen. Sec.-Treas.,
Detroit, Mich., U.S.A.

THE WAY TO ORGANISE NOW.

Join the Union of Your Class! Do Not Wait for Anyone—Send in Your Application as Member-at-Large.

All informed workers agree that a Socialist Industrial Union is needed to bring immediate relief from the misery and wrongs of capitalism, and run industry when private ownership of same is ended. Many workers do not know this truth, they must be made acquainted with it, if their co-operation is to be secured.

This calls for agitators, educators, papers and other literature. This requires money. Where can this be secured?

To make all contributions count most effectively, the same must be regular and continuous, that is by paying dues as a member of a sound industrial organisation. If you are an Industrialist, convinced this is the way, no other is open, then join. If you cannot get enough to join with you to organise a local, DO NOT STAY OUT, IT WILL ONLY LENGTHEN THE TIME TILL YOU CAN. JOIN AS A MEMBER-AT-LARGE. We cannot be free, but through our organised class effort.

Ours is the future, through intelligent industrial and political class organisation. To work then, every one and all.

The G.E.B. of the Workers' International Industrial Union.

ISSUED BY THE
AUSTRALIAN ADMINISTRATION.
AUSTRALIAN HEADQUARTERS:
HATTE'S ARCADE, KING STREET,
NEWTOWN, NEW SOUTH WALES.

The W. E. A.

(In view of the fact that at the present time Mr. Atkinson, head of the Tutorial Class at the Sydney University, and Director of the W.E.A., is trying to show the rest of the University that for political reasons they should take up a neutral attitude towards the present strike, and vainly endeavoring to prove that the fact that students have taken the place of strikers does not express the attitude of the University, the following letter received by the Melbourne branch, and their reply to it, will be of interest to readers.)

Workers' Educational Association of
Victoria.

14 Kendall Street, St. Kilda,
18th July, 1917.

Dear Comrade,

I am instructed by my Council to call your attention to the fact that your organisation is not yet affiliated with the Workers' Educational Association.

Of over one hundred workers' organisations in the Metropolis, only 23 are assisting us in our work of trying to improve the Educational System of the State, with the result that our progress is very slow.

The present political and economic state of the Commonwealth, as a result of the war, is surely a demonstration to us of our inefficiency in Education. The fact that only about 100 of the children of the working class are in receipt of any University Education, coupled with the further fact that even of these, but few receive any teaching at all in Economics (as there is no School of Economics at the University), surely reflects our political and economic position in the Commonwealth.

A complete change has to be brought about in the Education System, and this can be accomplished by the working class demanding it through their organisations, and by affiliating with the W.E.A., utilising that organisation to make good their demands.

The W.E.A. consists of representatives of the University, the Department of Education and any other organisations that desire to affiliate. Therefore, the greater the representation from the industrial organisations, the greater the industrial power to make demands for more knowledge. "Knowledge is Power."

The minimum affiliation fee is £1 1s., and your organisation is urged to give this matter its early and serious consideration. I shall be pleased to arrange for your organisation to be addressed by a member of the W.E.A., if you so desire, or to give you any information in furtherance of the object of affiliation.

The W.E.A. depends entirely on the voluntary efforts of its members to carry on its work at present, and if the whole of the organisations would enter into the fight, greater effect could be made upon public opinion.

The times are serious. Join with us in our work for the children and humanity.

Affiliate now, or acquaint us with your reasons for not so doing.

Yours fraternally,
J. B. CLARINGBOLD,
Hon. General Secretary.

Australian Socialist Party,
Melbourne Branch,
47 Victoria St., Melbourne,
August 7th, 1917.

The Hon. General Secretary,
W.E.A.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your circular, dated July 18th, the Executive of this branch of the A.S.P. desire to say that the mission of this Party is to teach Economics to the working class, and they claim that no other political organisation does so.

While they recognise that Knowledge is Power, and regret sorely that "only about 100 of the children of the working class are in receipt of any University (or scientific) education," the A.S.P. aim to educate the workers (who produce, but do not own, the wealth of the world) to a sense of class consciousness, and the class struggle.

This branch of the A.S.P. agrees that "a complete change has to be brought about in the Education System, and this can be accomplished by the working class demanding it," but only as a class, and with full knowledge of the objective of Socialism—the overthrow of Capitalism, and the Socialisation and ownership of the means of production and distribution; the abolition of the wages system, and production for use—not profit.

Any other system of education, except on this basis, is of no use to the working class.

Side-tracking the Workers.

Wm. E. GAY.

During the last few days the railway and tramway men have taken action against the Commissioners for trying to introduce a card system—a system by which the men would be exploited more in the future than they have been in the past. That, according to the leaders is the cause of all the trouble; the men don't object to being robbed of more than three-fourths of what they produce; it is only because the capitalist class is going to do a little more robbing that they are kicking. Furthermore, some of the leaders are mouthing revolutionary phrases to catch the ear of the discontented men. "The capitalistic system must go." "one big union," etc, and then in the next breath that the men are prepared to go back and everything will be all right if the card system is withdrawn.

Now the Australian Socialist Party points out that this capitalistic system is one which obtains in nearly all the "civilised" countries of the world, and that under this system a small per cent. of the people, about 15 per cent., own the machines, factories, mines, etc., in fact all the tools of production which makes life possible. The working-class, about 85 per cent., own nothing but their power to labor.

If a man goes to market to buy, say, a load of fruit, he will try and buy as cheap as possible, and, on the other hand, the commission agent, as seller, will try and sell as dear as possible. Those two persons, the buyer of fruit and the commission agent, interests as buyers and seller, are diametrically opposed to each other; and so it is on the industrial field, the working-class and the employing-class have nothing in common, because of the fact that the workers sell themselves at so much per week to the capitalist class, for what is known as wages.

Now, wages only represent a small portion of the wealth created by the working-class, and the rest in the shape of rent, interest and profit goes to the owning-class. The capitalist class, being only a small body, in society, cannot use all the surplus value created by the workers; the result is, he has got to find an outlet for the surplus value he has on hand. As stated before, other countries have the same card system in operation, and the same thing is taking place, and the capitalist class of America, Japan, New Zealand, France, England, and, not to mention, the U.S., are all straining their mental powers trying to imagine where they can find an outlet for the commodities they have on hand.

This state of affairs places the workman in a very bad position. After filling the stores with the necessities of life; after piling the good things of life heavens high, he is forced to starve if his kind master cannot sell what he has created. Starving in the midst of plenty. Are we not wise in our generation? And so it always will be, until the workers unite to overthrow this damnable pernicious system. Whilst ever the workers are prepared to allow politicians and parsons to dope them with catch-phrase it will, and must, remain the same.

The workers must organise on lines as laid down by the Workers International Industrial Union, under the banner of Revolutionary Socialism, on the political field, which will use no palliative measures to patch up a rotten and corrupt system, but with one platform only, the abolition of the capitalist system. All this talk by the Labor leaders about things being O.K., if the card system is withdrawn, is so much bunkum.

Things will never be all right as long as the workers are in slavery.

Workers, organise for the Industrial Commonwealth!

The A.S.P. recognise that, under Capitalism, it is to the economic interest of the Capitalist State to educate the working class, from Primary Schools to Universities, not for their own material benefit, but for the benefit and in the interests of the Capitalist Class.

This Branch has an Economic Class, in which are taught the three fundamental principles of Scientific Socialism, viz.,

The Materialistic Conception of History.
The Class Struggle.

The Theory of Value, Price and Profit.

You will see, therefore, that it is not possible for this organisation to affiliate with the W.E.A., which includes representatives of the Bourgeois Class, including the University and the Capitalist State (the Education Department).

The members of this branch will be pleased to hear an address from a member of the W.E.A., after September 30, as Sunday lectures have been arranged up to that date.

R. AARINS,
Hon. Sec.

The Australian Socialist Party.



NEWS AND NOTES.

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE.

Owing to the industrial upheaval in New South Wales arrangements have been made with the S.L.P., to postpone the debate on unity.

No definite date has been decided upon, but announcements will be made as soon as things get back to normal.

The Central Executive will meet on Saturday, 18th inst., at 3 p.m., sharp.

A. S. REARDON,
General Secretary.

SYDNEY BRANCH.

Owing to those dreadful workers and disloyalists who are at present on strike, the lecture on August 5th at the Hall, developed into more of a discussion on the all engrossing topic at the present moment, i.e., the strike. However, it was very interesting, although necessarily shortened to enable the audience to reach home before the small hours of the morning.

Paper sales are, I am glad to say, steadily on the increase, yesterday, August 12th, beating the record.

A very successful meeting was held in Liverpool street on Sunday night, W. Gay and A. S. Reardon being the speakers.

On September 12th, a benefit social and dance is being held in aid of Comrade Wagner who has been very ill for some time, and unable to follow his occupation. Com. Wagner has been a staunch and valued member in the movement for years, and all comrades and supporters are asked to roll up and make it a real good success.

M. REARDON, Secretary.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The pen name of the writer of an article published in the issue of the 4th, entitled, "Socialism and Religion," was omitted. The said article was written by "JAYEM."

HERE AND THERE.

The card system is a method of scientific exploitation in the direction of increased efficiency or speeding up.

The extreme exploitation of the workers is the one and sole object of the capitalist class; therefore, striking against any attempt at further exploitation is striking against the capitalist system.

Mr. Willis, Secretary of South Coast Coal Miners, stated recently that "the miners are not up against the government." If the whole mass of the strikers are "not up against the Government," who are they up against?

The Government is the executive of the capitalist class. They control the State, at the direction of, and for the express benefit of, vested interests.

The State Government is calling for and introducing "free labor."

The Labor Party did the same thing in the gas employees' strike. Jim McGowen, that doughty champion of labor, led the way for the strike breakers.

"Put not your trust in princes"—or politicians—but in the strength of your industrial organisation.

"Fellow-Worker" Fuller is raising the jingoistic wail of "Win-the-War," in an effort to cajole the strikers back under the old conditions.

Turn a deaf ear. Be a soldier in the war that the workers are always waging. The fight against poverty and prostitution, misery and social degradation. Capitalism is the cause of war. Abolish capitalism, and you abolish war for all time.

Mr. Hughes is determined "to exhaust all the means at the disposal of the government in the interests of the community." The State Government are "preparing for all emergencies."

TO UNATTACHED SUPPORTERS.

Whoever you are, if you believe in Scientific Socialism, you must recognise the need for organisation. Why not set a good example to the workers whom you come in contact with, and whom we know you try to educate, by joining up with the A.S.P.

If there is no BRANCH in your locality, you can become a MEMBER AT LARGE, and thus become a REAL LIVE WIRE.

For further information, drop a line to the General Secretary, A.S.P., 115 Goulburn Street, Sydney.

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Any branch desiring matter published under the above heading, should write clearly what is needed, and forward same to this office.

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All rebels making their way to the "Hill" will receive a welcome at the above address.

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